



Executive Director Report September 17, 2019

I am proud to lead this excellent team and glad to report our progress in the following areas:

State Plan

Our work on the state plan reached:

June 2019: 131,594 people

July 2019: 241,741 people

For a total of 373,335 people for those two months.

We incorporated the Council's changes to the State Plan survey for the 2022-2026 State Plan. The survey is complete and available in 18 languages. It is currently being transcribed into Braille. The survey will be available October 1, 2019. SCDD Regional Offices will hold Town Halls, and Councilmembers should attend in their areas.

Employment

The Governor signed SCDD-sponsored AB 1019 (Frazier). This names SCDD as a member of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships (IACA). I attended a recent IACA and advocated for apprenticeships for people with IDD in civil service, health care, high tech, and building trades.

Additionally, I worked with the Legislative Analyst's Office on an upcoming report they're writing about employment for people with

IDD. The Employment First Committee met to lay out ambitious employment goals for 2020.

Public Safety

The Council funded Get Safe to train people with IDD and law enforcement officers on interactions with each other. Get Safe is completing its work for the Council this month. I attended a training by Get Safe of police department trainers. This meeting received attention by local news. Additionally, more of our staff became certified POST trainers, allowing them to train police officers directly.

The Administration on Community Living (ACL) announced that they would like to tour California in December to meet with people with IDD, their families, and providers on their responses to disasters, like fires. We located two sites in northern and southern California for their visit and will continue to assist in their visit.

Self-Advocacy

I worked directly with the Statewide Self-Advocates Network (SSAN) as they reviewed their Memorandum of Understanding with the Council. SSAN is a project of SCDD and is looking for ways to become stronger around advocacy and legislation.

DDS Developmental Services Task Force

Chair Maria Marquez and I participated in multiple meetings of the Department of Developmental Services Developmental Services Task Force. DSS is reconstituting the DS Task Force. SCDD was an original member of the prior Developmental Centers Task Force and applied to be a member of this Task Force. The Task Force would have one overall body and five workgroups. The

topics would include rates, systems outcomes, fiscal reform, transparency, oversight, access, equity, the safety net, and community resources. SCDD applied to have the Council Chair and Executive Director as a member of the Task Force and a different Councilmember and staff member for each workgroup. We are awaiting DDS' announcement of the Task Force and Workgroup members.

SCDD Budget

The SCDD budget remains strong. The Administration on Community Living reallocated funding unused by other Councils, resulting in an increase for the CA Council of \$207,000 for the 2019 grant. We are awaiting Congress' final actions on federal fiscal year 2020 appropriations. Once both are known, I will bring the total amounts to the Council for your determination.

We continue conversations with DDS on the CRA/VAS contract.

Administration

SCDD welcomed Lea Park-Kim as our Public Information Officer. Lea joins SCDD from the CA State Senate where she was a Communications Director for Senators Jones out of San Diego.

The current BSG vacancy rate is 9% and the overall vacancy rate is at 7%. SCDD met the goal of being under a 15% vacancy rate in BSG and under 10% across the organization by February 2019. We continue to work to maintain that goal.

At the July 2019 meeting, Councilmembers asked for more information about the laws around state contracting processes with regards to the bids received and the confidentiality of those bids. Councilmembers wanted to know if Councilmembers

interested in seeing winning bids for program development grants, like Cycle 42, could see the full submission before voting. SCDD Legal Counsel provided the legal analysis to the Executive Committee. In short, there are no laws prohibiting early access to contracts, however the CA Supreme Court ruled on this question, stating that there could be public interest of *not* disclosing these types of documents. After discussing the findings and weighing options, the Executive Committee directed me to administratively carry out an option that would protect the Council's interest in having quality bids while providing access to interested Councilmembers. The evening or morning before a vote on a program development grant, Councilmembers who are interested in the proposer's bid may have access to it. Those Councilmembers would agree to confidentiality. Other Councilmembers would receive a summary at the Council meeting.